

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved vaccine composition that includes an antigen, wherein the improvement comprises ribavirin.
2. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein said antigen is a viral antigen.
3. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein said antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis A virus, hepatitis B virus, and hepatitis C virus.
4. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein said antigen is obtained from hepatitis C virus.
5. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is at least 0.25mg.
6. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 100mg.
7. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 25mg.
8. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 1mg.
9. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is at least 0.1mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.
10. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.1mg ribavirin to about 1.0 mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.
11. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 1.1mg ribavirin to about 2.0 mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.
12. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 2.1mg ribavirin to about 3.0mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

13. The improved vaccine composition of Claim 1, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 3.1mg ribavirin to about 4.0mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

14. A method of making the improved vaccine composition of Claim 1 comprising:

providing an antigen;

providing ribavirin; and

combining said antigen and said ribavirin so as to make said improved vaccine composition.

15. The method of Claim 14, wherein said antigen is a viral antigen.

16. The method of Claim 14, wherein said antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis A virus, hepatitis B virus, and hepatitis C virus.

17. The method of Claim 14, wherein said antigen is obtained from hepatitis C virus.

18. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is at least 0.25mg.

19. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 100mg.

20. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 25mg.

21. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.25mg and 1mg.

22. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is at least 0.1mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

23. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 0.1mg ribavirin to about 1.0 mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

24. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 1.1mg ribavirin to about 2.0 mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

25. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 2.1mg ribavirin to about 3.0mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

5 26. The method of Claim 14, wherein the amount of ribavirin is between about 3.1mg ribavirin to about 4.0mg ribavirin per kg body weight of a subject receiving said composition.

27. A method of enhancing an immune response to an antigen comprising:
providing a subject the improved vaccine composition of Claim 1.

28. The method of Claim 25, wherein said antigen is a viral antigen.

10 29. The method of Claim 25, wherein said antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis A virus, hepatitis B virus, and hepatitis C virus.

30. The method of Claim 26, wherein said antigen is obtained from hepatitis C virus.

15 31. An improved method of enhancing an immune response to an antigen that includes providing a subject an antigen, wherein the improvement comprises providing ribavirin.

32. The improved method of Claim 31, wherein said antigen and said ribavirin are provided together.

20 33. The improved method of Claim 31, wherein said antigen and ribavirin are provided separately.